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# Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

## Report of the Sixth Committee

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## 1. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union" was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly decision 56/425 of 12 December 2001.

2. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee for the sole purpose of considering the question of the granting of observer status to the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 3rd, 10th and 11th meetings, on 27 September and 4 and 7 October 2002. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/57/SR.3, 10 and 11).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (A/55/996);

(b) Letter dated 7 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/56/614).

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## II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.5

5. At the 10th meeting, on 4 October, the representative of Hungary, on behalf of Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, Cuba, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Namibia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay and Venezuela, subsequently joined by Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Nepal, Nigeria, Portugal, the Sudan, Thailand, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Viet Nam, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/57/L.5).

6. At its 11th meeting, on 7 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.5 without a vote (see para. 7).

## III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

### Observer status for the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its decision 49/426 of 9 December 1994,

*Considering* the unique status of the Inter-Parliamentary Union as a world organization of parliaments,

*Wishing* to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

1. *Decides* to invite the Inter-Parliamentary Union to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.